Opening of New Dispensary

3712. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1385, dated March 12, 1996 and reply;

(a) whether Punjabi Bagh adjoining Shakur Basti and having mixed population, has been detached from CGHS Dispensary, Shakur Basti;

(b) whether it has been admitted in para (c) and (d) of the reply that the working and retired Government Employees, living in various group housing societies at Outer Ring Road, will have to travel some distance to reach Shakur Basti Dispensary, though it was mentioned in part (c) of the question that the distance is around 8 kilometre;

(c) if so, the reasons for asking them to travel more distance than prescribed in the rules;

(d) whether the Government would appreciate the difficulties of the patient who have to travel by changing 3 buses to reach Shakur Basti Dispensary and have to pay a huge fare at a time; and

(e) if so, whether the Government would open a dispensary at Outer Ring Road so that patients need not be unnecessarily inconvenienced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). No, Sir. It has been stated in the reply that although the CGHS dispensary in Shakur Basti is fairly centrally located, it is possible that beneficiaries staying in the outskirts of the demarcated area covered under this dispensary, might have to travel some distance.

It may not be feasible, as per CGHS norms, to open a dispensary for each cluster of CGHS beneficiaries. A certain minimum concentration of Central Govt. employees/ pensioners is necessary for opening a new CGHS dispensary in any locality. The CGHS dispensaries at Rohini and Pitampura on the Outer Ring Road are serving the locality concerned. At present, therefore, there is no proposal for opening another CGHS dispensary at Outer Ring Road.

Irrigation Projects in Kerala

3713. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:
SHRI A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Edamalayar Irrigation project in Kerala is nearing completion;

(b) if not, the reasons for delay and the time by which the project is likely to be completed;

(c) the total cost of the project, the State Government's contribution thereto, and allocation made by the Union Government therefor;

(d) whether there is a proposal to construct the Vamanapuram Irrigation project in Trivandrum district of Kerala; and

(e) if so, the details of lastest position, estimated cost and the time schedule of completion for the same?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir. The anticipated expenditure on Idamalayar Irrigation Project of Kerala is around 71% only of the latest estimated cost.

(b) Inadequate provision of fund by the State Government is one of the main factors responsible for delay in completion of the project. The project is scheduled to spill over beyond VIII Plan.

(c) The latest estimated cost of the project is Rs. 67.40 crores against which the anticipated expenditure till March 1996 is Rs. 47.82 crores. The Central Government has not provided any special assistance for the project.

(d) and (e). Vamanapuram Irrigation Project in Kerala is an on-going project and the anticipated expenditure till March, 1996 is Rs. 9.14 crores against the latest estimated cost of Rs. 36.40 crores. The project is likely to spillover beyond VIII Plan.

Stoppage of World Bank Assistance for U.I.I.P.

3714. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the financial assistance from World Bank for Upper Indiravati Irrigation Project (UIIP) has been stopped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the progress made so far in respect of the project; and

(d) the steps taken so far to arrange the finance for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The financial assistance from